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From: David E. Janssen
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**NOVEMBER 17, 2005, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
EMERGENCY EXERCISE, "OPERATION CHIMERA"**

I want to inform you that on November 17, 2005, the County will conduct a full-scale mass prophylaxis exercise. **"Operation Chimera"** is the title of our 2005 exercise program, which includes a series of 36 tabletop and functional exercises that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), County departments, and partner agencies are conducting between June and November. The Emergency Management Council approved this program earlier this year. This program is designed to demonstrate and evaluate the Operational Area's (OA) ability to implement the Cities' Readiness Initiative Plan following an aerosolized anthrax Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) attack.

In the near future, you will receive an invitation to give remarks at a press conference to be held on November 17, 2005, in conjunction with the full-scale exercise. Lee Sapaden, from OEM, will contact each Board office Public Information Officer to determine your interest and availability to participate in the press conference. Lee will also provide your staff with additional information about the events that are planned for the full-scale exercise.

If you have questions, please contact Constance Perett, OEM Administrator, at (323) 980-2261, Ian Whyte, Exercise Program Manager, at (323) 980-2253, or Lee Sapaden, Public Affairs Manager, at (323) 980-2257.

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